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## "AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF HUNTING, TRAPPING AND FISHING LAWS."

- 1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and 2 internal references accordingly:
- "Sec. 501. Subsection (b) of section 26-47 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 5, 2006):
- 6 (b) (1) No person shall engage in the business of controlling 7 nuisance wildlife, other than rats or mice, without obtaining a license 8 from the commissioner. Such license shall be valid for a period of two years and may be renewed in accordance with a schedule established 10 by the commissioner. The fee for such license shall be two hundred 11 dollars. The controlling of nuisance wildlife at the direction of the 12 commissioner shall not constitute engaging in the business of 13 controlling nuisance wildlife for the purposes of this section. No 14 person shall be licensed under this subsection unless the person: (A) 15 Provides evidence, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the person

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16 has completed training which included instruction in site evaluation, 17 methods of nonlethal and approved lethal resolution of common 18 nuisance wildlife problems, techniques to prevent reoccurrence of such 19 problems and humane capture, handling and euthanasia of nuisance 20 wildlife and instruction in methods of nonlethal resolution of common 21 nuisance wildlife problems, including, but not limited to, training 22 regarding frightening devices, repellants, one-way door exclusion and 23 other exclusion methods, habitat modification and live-trapping and 24 releasing and other methods as the commissioner may deem 25 appropriate; and (B) is a resident of this state or of a state that does not 26 prohibit residents of this state from being licensed as nuisance wildlife 27 control operators because of lack of residency.

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- (2) The licensure requirements shall apply to municipal employees or their appointees who engage in the control or handling of animals, including, but not limited to, animal control officers, except that no license shall be required of such employees or their appointees for the emergency control of rabies. Notwithstanding the requirements of this subsection, the commissioner shall waive the licensure fee for such employees or their appointees. The commissioner shall provide to such municipal employees or their appointees, without charge, the training required for licensure under this subsection. A license held by a municipal employee or his or her appointee shall be noncommercial, nontransferable and conditional upon municipal employment or appointment.
- 40 (3) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, which (A) define the scope and methods 42 for controlling nuisance wildlife provided such regulations shall 43 incorporate the recommendations of the 1993 report of the American 44 Veterinary Medical Association panel on euthanasia and further 45 provided such regulations may provide for the use of specific 46 alternatives to such recommendations only in specified circumstances 47 where use of a method of killing approved by such association would 48 involve an imminent threat to human health or safety and only if such 49 alternatives are designed to kill the animal as quickly and painlessly as

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practicable while protecting human health and safety, and (B) establish criteria and procedures for issuance of a license.

- (4) Except as otherwise provided in regulations adopted under this section, no person licensed under this subsection may kill any animal by any method which does not conform to the recommendations of the 1993 report of the American Veterinary Medical Association panel on euthanasia. No person may advertise any services relating to humane capture or relocation of wildlife unless all methods employed in such services conform to such regulations.
- (5) Any person licensed under this subsection shall provide all clients with a written statement approved by the commissioner regarding approved lethal and nonlethal options, as provided in this subsection, which are available to the client for resolution of common nuisance problems. If a written statement cannot be delivered to the client prior to services being rendered, the licensee shall leave the statement at the job site or other location arranged with the client.
- (6) Each person licensed under this subsection shall submit a report to the commissioner, on such date as the commissioner may determine, that specifies the means utilized in each case of nuisance wildlife control service provided in the preceding calendar year including any method used in those cases where an animal was killed. Any information included in such report which identifies a client of such person or the client's street address may be released by the commissioner only pursuant to an investigation related to enforcement of this section."